



Bayview High

Hidden Talent

Chapter 11: A Whole New Project

Working with Words—Outlining

An effective pre-writing strategy for writing an essay is developing an outline. An outline will include the following information:

- Thesis statement (The big idea)
- First Paragraph—Position or argument with examples
- Second Paragraph—Position or argument with examples
- Third Paragraph—Position or argument with examples
- Additional Paragraphs (if required follow the same pattern)
- Concluding Paragraph—re-states the thesis

The format for an outline:

Thesis statement (Put the thesis statement at the top)

I. (Use Roman numerals for the main ideas)

II.

A. (Use upper case letters for supporting ideas)

B. (Use at least two subdivisions for a category)

1.

2.

Use the order of: Roman numeral, upper case letter, number, lower case letter.

Develop an outline for a Science paper, an English essay, or a Social Studies topic that you may be working on currently.